

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

*"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."*

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## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 14 July 2024 • Year B



#### Let us Pray for the Sick

Rico Abadam, Leonila Ahillon, Florence Arinanan, Mary Attard, Rodney Bell, Sarah Bartolo, Rosella Booth, Luke C, Alma Caguimbal, Mary Camilleri, Ronald Fountain, Renuka Fernando, Tracey Galea, Chmouneh Hayek, Anthony Janicska, Mary Jordan, Clare Kinsley, Paul Leong, Blago Milicevic, Zeferino Jayson Morales, Maricar Poblete, Debra Price, Cecilia Quinto, Camy Ratnam, Eustace Ratnam, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner who is unwell please contact Father Henry or email the Parish Office: [secretary@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.com.au)  
 We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

#### Let us Pray for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Emma Barriom, Barrie Chamberlain, Murial Chary, Dulcie Duraisamy, Jasmin Fernando, Trinidad Faduhilao, Ricardo Garcia, Andrew Gullota, Stuart Gribbin, Cynthia Lopez, Faustino Montederamos, Isidro Monticer, Maria Coi Thi Nguyen, Estelita Solis Palmos, Monalee Teves, Frances Shepherd (Tairol), Fred Waltmann, Colin Zahra

**Anniversaries:** Peter & Helen Bonnici, Catherine Chandra, Aloysean Corera, Monica, Dominic, Conception D'Souza, John Fernando, Nevis Fernando, M.A Fernando, Juliet Francis, Alice George, Brian Jordan, Joseph Joseph, George Joseph, Anthony Garcia, Teodoro Garcia, Christine Gomez, Josephine Gomez, Christine Henderson, Lissy, Jose & Mary Kutty, Mary Motha, Tony Muscat, Josefina Lagare, Sheena Landagan, Rita Leon, Albert Mula, Cordula Paiva, Custudio Palmos Snr, Nieves Palmos, Jose Reyes, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Mary Silva, Rosary Silva, John Tenti, Melchor Usman, Dionisio Udan.

**Remembrance:** Neil Amaratunga, France Angseeing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Spuru Borg, Myrna Cruz, Saviour Caruana, Fe Licup Carmen, Tania McGove, Sam & Silvia Debattista, Carmen, Jimmy, Antonio, Tania, Vivian, Joe & Lancer De Guire, Nevis Fernando, Maximilian & Julian Epondulan, Sam Gabo, Mary & Sam Galea, Evangeline Garcia, Leandro Snr Garcia, Jose Garcia, Frans Gutajar, Selvam Irudayaraj, Pauline Meilak, Mangion & Cini Family, Maureen & John Mead, Sashin Patrick Manamperi, Mary Mifsud, Joseph Mifsud, Emilia & William Mifsud, Maria Reyes, Anton & Lourda Motha, Louis, Stephen & Joseph Mula, Mary & Francis Muscat, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jonathan Tek Kie, Tony Vassollo, Shane Vaz, Jim Vella, Vinnie Zahra.

*\*Names are to be submitted to the Parish Office on or before a Thursday and will be published for 4 weeks at a time\**



#### THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Statue of Virgin Mary is available for home visitation and will reside with you for a week, being Sunday to Saturday. If you are wishing to participate, please leave your name and address with the Parish Office.

#### Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
 Amen.



#### REGULAR COLLECTIONS - First and Second

**FIRST COLLECTION and Matt's Point** is for the support of Priests throughout the Diocese.

##### ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

**Account name:** Parramatta Diocesan Clergy  
**BSB:** 067 950  
**ACC:** 00 00 4265  
**Reference:** Seven Hills - 6035

##### SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

##### ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

**Account Name:** Seven Hills Catholic Church.  
**BSB:** 067 950  
**ACC:** 000552  
 Reference: (Your *Planned Giving envelope number* or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

##### IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Inst / Branch)

**Account Name:** Seven Hills Catholic Church  
**BSB:** 062 315  
**ACC ID #** 00901486  
**AGENT #** 660



#### KEEP UP TO DATE

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**FIRST READING** *A reading from the prophet Amos 7:12-15*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple'.

'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R)** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

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**SECOND READING** *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of he one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:7-13*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘

Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord



Dear friends,

Sometime last year a religious priest accompanied by a student from his congregation came into our Parish office and asked to see no one but the parish priest. Despite our staff's efforts to make them welcome and clarify the nature of the visit, the priest remained silent and let his companion do all the talking until he met the person they wanted to see. There was nothing important, just an unexpected visit to promote vocations for their order.

This pair was a good example for the tradition Jesus started in the Gospel today as Jesus gathered the Apostles together and commissioned them to go out empowered with some divine power to carry out their ministry.

According to the evangelist, they were asked to be extremely lightweight for their ministry as the Master instructed to bring nothing but a pair of sandals on their feet. He ordered them not to take even an extra tunic for a change. In other words, they must remain completely minimalist and detached from all worldly possessions, so that they could focus solely on their manifold mission to preach repentance, exorcise and bring healing to sick people. For any personal need, they had to rely on the provisions from people they were going to be with.

These ministerial rules have inspired religious communities from generation to generation to follow and our weekly collections, special appeals, and Mass offerings we have today have been telling examples of such a practical tradition Jesus initiated thousands of years ago.

Let us pray today for the grace to help us always be mindful of our mission to bear witness to Jesus in different ministries we are called to partake, and also of our much needed help to support the Church in various practical ways, such as the first and second collection, appeals for needs both in our parish and beyond.

Have a mission-oriented week,

Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### SERVING AS PARISH MINISTERS

Our Diocesan Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses 2024 including Extra-ordinary ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying, and ministers at the Altar (or Acolytes) will commence from Monday 9 September 2024, our parishioners are encouraged to enrol in your preferred ministries by completing an Enrolment form and returning it to Fr Henry.

For those who wish to become Readers or ministers of the Word, please fill out the Parish Groups form and return to Fr Henry. A Formation course shall be conducted shortly in our parish.

### CANDLE WAX ON THE CHURCH CARPET

Please do not try to remove candle wax on the church carpet by yourselves, for you might make it worse. Instead let our staff know and we ask our carpet cleaners to treat it.

### MINISTRY ROSTERS

New ministry rosters for the next 6 months are currently being prepared and will be ready for collection next week.

### PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PROGRAM

All those who have registered for 2024/2025 envelopes they are now available to pick up from the back of the Church. If you wish to continue donating online, please add your planned giving number or for a one off donation, ref. Donation. Thank you most sincerely for your contribution to our Parish.

### ROSARY PRAYERS

Please join us for Rosary prayers on every Tuesday and Wednesday morning after Mass at 8.30am and every Thursday morning before Mass at 8.30am.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

At our recent meeting on Wednesday 10 July, we continued the discussion about the Family Group Movement that we are going to introduce to our Parish. We decided to invite Dennis Farrar to come and give a talk at all Masses during the first weekend of September, pending his availability.

### CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to hear the Word of God at length every Thursday at 9.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. It only takes about an hour of your time to get a better understanding of the Gospel and we sing songs. For more information, please contact Olivia on 0423 890 978.

### LOURDES PLAYGROUP RESUMES 26TH JULY

Playgroup will resume on the 26th of July and every Friday during school term, 9.00am—11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room, children aged 0 to 5 years old and their carers are welcome to come along during any part of that time for a play. If you are enrolling your child at OLOL school, this is a great way to meet fellow parents and for your child to become familiar with the environment. All are welcome. To attend please register by 3pm the Thursday prior via Facebook under 'Lourdes Play Group' or contact Maria on 0432 174 056.

### BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

*"If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to." 1 John 5:19*

We are in urgent need of catechists!

Are you thinking of becoming a catechist, but feeling unsure or anxious? Please email any enquiry that you may have to [secretary@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:secretary@olol7hills.com.au), or call the parish office on 96222920 where we can arrange for you to speak with other current catechists available and ask any questions you may have. No experience needed. All training provided.

*'We practise faith through teaching others' Matthew 28:19-20*



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### **Bishop Vincent presents Dr Myriam Wijlens: 5 August**

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultor to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on Monday 5 August at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6pm. To register, please visit [parracatholic.org/drmyriam](https://parracatholic.org/drmyriam)

### **The first Diocesan Kids Art Competition**

As part of our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person, the Diocese of Parramatta is running our first Art competition for children and young people! Children & young people aged between 5 and 19 are invited to produce an artwork around the theme "My Church community is a safe place for me". Entries close on Friday 26 July. For more information and to enter, please visit [parracatholic.org/artcompetition](https://parracatholic.org/artcompetition)

### **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening: 25 July**

You are invited to a Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening with keynote speaker John Lochowiak, Chair of NATSICC. The event will reflect on the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People", and is hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, together with the Diocese of Parramatta and Archdiocese of Sydney: 25 July 2024, 6pm, The Epping Club (45-47 Rawson St, Epping). Please register by 17 July at [trybooking.com/ctcfo](https://trybooking.com/ctcfo)

### **Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities**

The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday 27 July at St John XXIII Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens for Modules 1-3. More training opportunities will be available throughout August and September. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. For more information, please email: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### **MET Worship Serving at the Altar Seminar: 3 August**

The Office for Worship are hosting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers of the Altar (Senior Servers) on "Back to Basics of Serving at the Altar" on Saturday 3 August from 9.30am to 3pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Chris Ohlsen will present the seminar, which will revisit some of the basic principles in serving at the altar. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To RSVP by 31 July, please contact [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or call 0460 037 795.

### **Peace, Justice and Ecology Table Talk – Housing for Everyone: 3 August**

Many people in our communities struggle to find a home, due to high prices to rent or buy, lack of availability, or lack of social housing. At this Diocesan Table Talk, you are invited to hear and discuss inspiring stories from people affected and insightful information from an expert: 3 August 2024 from 7pm – 9:30pm (after Mass) at The Good Shepherd Parish, 130-136 Hyatts Rd, Plumpton. Light dinner will be included. Please register at [tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24](https://tinyurl.com/housing-table-talk24)

### **ACBC Absent from the Table Survey**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on 20 August. The survey and information about the project can be found at <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

### **MET Worship Music Copyright Workshop: 30 July or 1 August**

Calling all Parish musicians and members of our parish communities who create slides and booklets for our masses. Mr Eric Grella will be holding a workshop on THE IMPORTANCE OF COPYRIGHT. Bring all your questions to the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, 30 July or to St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith on 1 August at 7pm. RSVP via <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=office-for-worship> or email [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org).

### **Jesuit Refugee Services Refugee Showcase Evening: 19 July**

In the spirit of Refugee Week, please join us for a special event featuring a showcase by leaders with lived experience from the JRS Australia Refugee Leadership Program. The event will be held on Friday 19 July in the St Patrick's Cathedral Hall from 6pm. Attendance is free and all are welcome. An optional \$30 donation is available for those able to contribute. RSVP to secure your place at <https://events.humanitix.com/refugee-week>

### **Holy Hour for Vocations: 19 July**

Please join us across the Diocese to pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Join us at St Patrick's Church, Mary Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown with Fr Tom Green on Friday 19 July from 6.30pm, followed by Mass. If you are interested in becoming a priest or would like more information, please contact our Director for Priestly Vocations, Fr Galbert Albino on (02) 4773 4321, 0450 821 812 or email [galbert.albino@parracatholic.org](mailto:galbert.albino@parracatholic.org)

### **Catholic Care Circle of Security Parenting Series: Begins 24 July**

Catholic Care are hosting the Circle of Security Parenting series for parents and caregivers of children up to 18 years age. Learn how to understand your child's emotional world, support your child's ability to manage emotions and ensure your child feels secure. Sessions will be held over eight weeks from 24 July to 11 September from 10am – 12.30pm. Cost is \$105 or \$5 for concession card holders. To book, call (02) 8843 2500 or email [enquiries@catholiccarenewsbm.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccarenewsbm.org.au)

### **Sydney Alliance Renters Forum: 24 July**

The Sydney Alliance and the Tenants' Union of NSW in partnership with the NSW Rental Commissioner will be organising a face-to-face forum to listen to the perspective of renters around access to and quality of rental properties, cost of living, energy and climate resistance. The forum will be held on Wednesday 24 July at the Blacktown Senior Citizens Centre from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Please register via <https://events.humanitix.com/renters-forum-sydney-northwest>

### **Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11 August**

Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Scan this QR code or visit [tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. **Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.**



### **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend: 17 – 18 August**

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 17-18 August, with future dates in November and February 2025. For further information and to register, visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au/](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au/)



Dear friends, I send this greeting to those participating in the "AI Ethics for Peace" Gathering. Artificial intelligence and peace are two issues of supreme importance, as I had the opportunity to emphasize to the political leaders at the G7: "It should always be remembered that a machine can, in some ways and by these new methods, produce algorithmic choices. The machine makes a technical choice among several possibilities based either on well-defined criteria or on statistical inferences. Human beings, however, not only choose, but in their hearts are capable of deciding. A decision is what we might call a more strategic element of a choice and demands a practical evaluation.

At times, frequently amid the difficult task of governing, we are called upon to make decisions that have consequences for many people. In this regard, human reflection has always spoken of wisdom, the *phronesis* of Greek philosophy and, at least in part, the wisdom of Sacred Scripture. Faced with the marvels of machines, which seem to know how to choose independently, we should be very clear that decision-making, even when we are confronted with its sometimes dramatic and urgent aspects, must always be left to the human person. We would condemn humanity to a future without hope if we took away people's ability to make decisions about themselves and their lives, by dooming them to depend on the choices of machines. We need to ensure and safeguard a space for proper human control over the choices made by artificial intelligence programs: human dignity itself depends on it" (*Address to the G7*, 14 June 2024).

In commending your initiative, I ask you to show the world that we are united in asking for a proactive commitment to protect human dignity in this new era of machines.

The fact that you are gathering in Hiroshima to discuss artificial intelligence and peace is of great symbolic importance. Among the current conflicts impacting our world including the hatred of war we hear more and more about this technology. That is why I consider this event in Hiroshima to be of extraordinary importance. It is crucial that, united as brothers and sisters, we remind the world that "in light of the tragedy that is armed conflict, it is urgent to reconsider the development and use of devices like the so-called 'lethal autonomous weapons' and ultimately ban their use. This starts from an effective and concrete commitment to introduce ever greater and proper human control. No machine should ever choose to take the life of a human being" (*Address to the G7*, 14 June 2024).

As we look at the complexity of the issues before us, recognizing the contribution of the cultural riches of peoples and religions in the regulation of artificial intelligence is key to the success of your commitment to the wise management of technological innovation.

Hoping that your gathering will bear fruit in bringing about fraternity and cooperation, I pray that each of us may become instruments of peace for the world. FRANCIS

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### "The Holy Spirit reminds us how to access the Father"

Today our prayer is for the many persons who clean hospitals, streets, empty trash from the dumpsters, who go to each house to remove trash: work that no one sees, but it is a job that is necessary to survive. May the Lord bless them and help them.

As He says farewell to His disciples (see *Jn 14:15-21*), Jesus gives them tranquility, He gives peace, with a promise:

"I will not leave you orphans" (v. 18). He defends them from that pain, from that painful feeling of being orphans.

In today's world, there is a great *sense of being orphaned*: many people have many things, but they lack the Father. And in the history of humanity, this has repeated itself: when the Father is missing, something is lacking and there is always the desire to meet, to rediscover the Father, even in the ancient myths. We can think of the myth of Oedipus, or Telemachus, and many others: always in search of the Father who is missing.

Today we can say that we live in a society where the Father is missing, a sense of being orphaned that specifically affects belonging and fraternity.

And so Jesus promises: "I will ask the Father and He will give you another Paraclete" (v. 16). Jesus says, "I am going away, but someone else will come who will teach you how to *access the Father*. He will remind you how to access the Father". The Holy Spirit does not come to "make us His clients"; He comes to point out how to access the Father, to remind us how to access the Father. That is what Jesus opened, what Jesus showed us. A spirituality of the Son alone or the Holy Spirit alone does not exist: the center is the Father. The Son is sent by the Father and returns to the Father. The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father to remind us and to teach us how to access the Father.

Only with this awareness of being children, that *we are not orphans*, can we live in peace among ourselves. Wars, either small ones or large ones, always have a dimension of being orphans: the Father who makes peace is missing. And so when Peter and the first community respond to the people regarding why they are Christians (see *1 Pt 3:15-18*), it says: "do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear" (v. 16), that is, the gentleness that the Holy Spirit gives. The Holy Spirit teaches us this gentleness, this tenderness of the Father's children. The Holy Spirit does not teach us to *insult*. And one of the consequences of this feeling like orphans is insulting, wars, because if there is no Father, there are no brothers, fraternity is lost. They are this tenderness, reverence, gentleness they are attitudes of belonging, of belonging to a family that is certain of having a Father. "I will pray to the Father and He will send you another Paraclete" (*Jn 14:16*) who will remind you how to access the Father, He will remind you that we *have a Father* who is the center of everything, the origin of everything, the one who unites everyone, the salvation of everyone because He sent His Son to save everyone. And now He sends the Holy Spirit to remind us how to access Him, of the Father, of this paternity, of this fraternal attitude of gentleness, tenderness, and peace.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to remind us always, always about this access to the Father, that He might remind us that we have a Father. And to this civilization, with this great feeling of being orphaned, may He grant the grace of rediscovering the Father, the Father who gives meaning to all of life, and that He might unite humanity into one family.

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## POPE FRANCIS IN TRIESTE

By Devin Watkins

On the final day of the annual Italian Catholic Social Week, Pope Francis traveled to the northern Italian city of Trieste on Sunday to share his thoughts on the crisis of democracy.

Speaking to over 900 delegates from dioceses and associations across Italy, the Pope appealed for a democratic process that engages personal and community involvement.

In his address, he recalled that the first Italian Catholic Social Week was held in 1907 and that later editions helped galvanize the Italian democratic process after World War II.

The annual event, which was restarted in 1988, draws on the Social Doctrine of the Church and seeks to offer a Gospel vision of social phenomena.

“Just as the crisis of democracy crosses various realities and Nations,” he said, “so too does the attitude of responsibility towards social transformations call all Christians, wherever they live and work, in every part of the world.”

### **Participation built on solidarity and subsidiarity**

Pope Francis then offered an image of the crisis of democracy as “a wounded heart,” in which corruption and social exclusion can abound and power becomes self-referential and incapable of serving its constituents.

“The very word ‘democracy’ does not simply coincide with the vote of the people but requires creating the conditions for everyone to express themselves and participate,” he said.

Democratic participation, he added, must be instilled at a young age, so that citizens embrace a critical sense “regarding ideological and populist temptations.”

The Pope called on Christians to promote a fruitful dialogue between religion and society, while upholding the dignity of the person.

“The principles of solidarity and subsidiarity,” he said, help build the bonds of democracy, since they encourage participation and overcome indifference, which he said is “a cancer of democracy.”

### **Fraternity fosters collective aspirations**

The Pope went on to uphold the goal of democratic participation with the image of a “healed heart.”

“If we look around,” he said, “we see many signs of the Holy Spirit’s action in the lives of families and communities, even in the fields of economics, technology, politics, and society.”

Fraternity, added Pope Francis, “makes social relationships flourish,” and engenders a spirit of collective aspiration. “A democracy with a healed heart,” he said, “continues to cultivate dreams for the future, engages, and calls for personal and community involvement.”

### **Political love holds politics to higher standard**

Catholics, said the Pope, must look beyond quick fixes for democracy’s ills and never retreat into a “marginal or private faith.”

“This means not so much demanding to be heard,” he said, “but above all having the courage to make proposals on behalf of justice and peace in the public debate.”

Christian engagement in politics must take on the aspects of “political love” or “political charity,” which allows politics to “rise to its responsibilities and move beyond polarizations”.

“Let us train ourselves in this love to circulate it in a world short of civil passion,” concluded Pope Francis.

“Let us learn to better walk together as God’s people, to be leaven of participation among the people to which we belong.”





## GENERAL NOTICES...

### NEW TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES? HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Welcome. Wherever you are in your faith journey, it is great to have you. Please visit our website or call the parish office. We're here to serve you. [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK** <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>

### SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND?

Would you like to receive Communion? Or seriously ill or in danger of death? We have dedicated ministers who can visit and bring you communion. Feel free to approach or call Fr Henry for the Holy Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office 9622 2920

### FUNERALS

When a Funeral is to be celebrated, please contact the parish office to organise a meeting with Fr Henry. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

### BAPTISM

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the parish office to arrange for the required preparation class for parents.

### MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass intentions must be submitted to the Parish Office on or before Thursday. Names will be published for 4 weeks at a time.



### LOURDES OVER 50s GROUP

Over 50s meeting Thursday 8th August 2024, 10.30am– 1pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Look forward to seeing you there.

### Lourdes: Luminate Young Adults Group

The next group night will be in August. If you would like more information please kindly contact Ian Epondulan: [youtholol7h@gmail.com](mailto:youtholol7h@gmail.com) or search 'Lourdes 7Hills Young Adults' on Facebook.

### LOURDES PLAYGROUP

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish playgroup is a fun playtime for children aged 0 to 5 years old and their carers. It is held every Friday morning during school terms 9.30am-11.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. For further information please contact Maria Hosni 0432 174 056 or the Parish Office.

### PIETY SHOP

Located at the back of the church. Please come have a browse after mass.

### LEGION OF MARY

Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome.

### Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group

Thursdays at 9.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

### Vinnies Support Centres Are Available To Those In Need

The St Vincent de Paul Society has members and community-focused Vinnies Support Centres right across NSW. They provide people in immediate crisis with assistance. If you need assistance, call 131812 (option 3) to be redirected to your nearest Vinnies Support Centre. To find out more about the support that is available, visit <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw/find-help>. If you'd like to contribute to helping those in need in the local community through the St Vincent de Paul Society, please email Reno Abela at [rabel24@gmail.com](mailto:rabel24@gmail.com).

### OFFERTORY PROCESSION FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES

With the intention to help our community to get more involved at Mass and better appreciate our share in the priesthood of the faithful, meaning our call to be priests, prophets and kings or queens of Jesus through baptism that Fr David Orr reminded us in our Parish retreat, I would like to invite all our parishioners to take part in the offertory procession, especially families that have some special celebrations in the families, such as baptisms, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, or death anniversaries. Please see Fr Henry or Ernie before Mass to arrange it.

## OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

### July

17	Baptism Meeting	7.30pm
23	School resumes for Term 3	
25	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
26	Grandparents Day School Mass	11.15am

## OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

**Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass.**

### 13/14 July

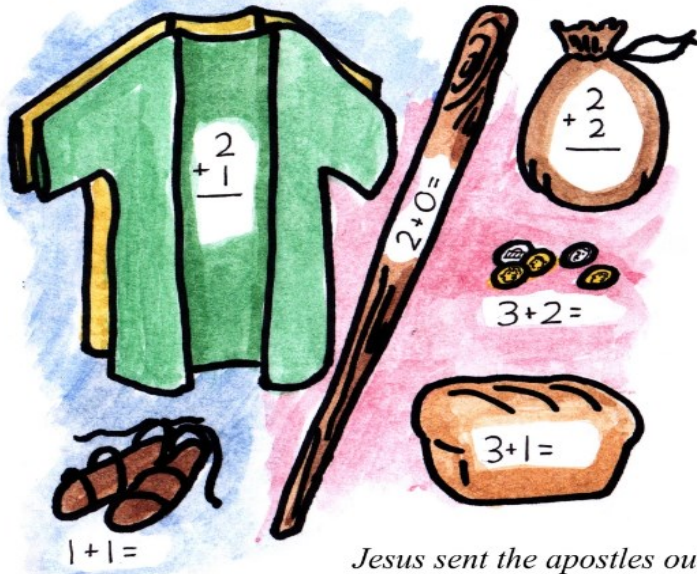
Acolytes	Vigil: Frank Paiva 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: L. Bellissimo, A. Bellissimo 8am: L. Fernandes, H. Gonzales 9.30am: C. Brooks, P. Gow	
Readers	Vigil: B. Motha, A. Punch 8am: A. McNally, K. Walker 9.30am: C. Diaz, A. Hye Rin Han	
Altar Servers	Vigil: J. Martinez, Sub Rqd. 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: S. Culili, F. Wanandy	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Musicians	Vigil: OFS 8am: Fr Henry, C. Woodward & Nina 9.30am: Tongan Choir	
Flowers	Claudette & Judith	
Church Cleaning	13 July	Tongan Community, E. Barcelon, E. Cabrera
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: Edgardo Barcelon	

### 20/21 July

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: C. Gonzales, N. Shami 8am: Edith Gartner 9.30am: M. Michael, E. Miu	
Readers	Vigil: M. Simic, N. Do Rosario 8am: J. Cabasa, P. Ferriols 9.30am: E. Pieris, M. Aquino	
Altar Servers	Vigil: M. Glivic, D. Sant, J. Sant 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: A. Melki, M. Pieris, J. Pieris	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council	
Musicians	Vigil: K. Thoms, C. Woodward 8am: Fr Henry 9.30am: Maximillian Chorale	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church Cleaning	18 July	C. Hutchings, A. Peatman, E. Barcelon
Welcomers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales 8am: Volunteer 9.30am: S. Pieris, E. Barcelon	

# The Kids' Bulletin

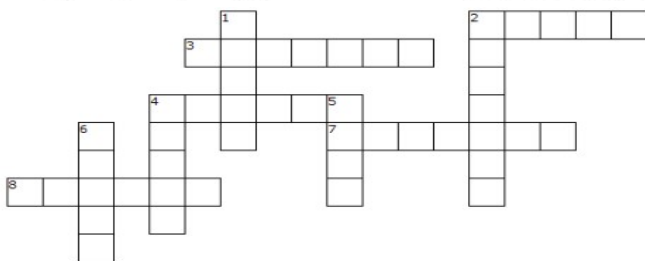
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 14th, 2024



Jesus sent the apostles out two at a time to teach the people about Him and heal the sick and cast out demons. What did He tell them to take with them?

Add up the numbers. The ones that equal 2 are the things that Jesus told the apostles to take.

Mark 6:7-13



### ACROSS

- A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing
- A trip over a great distance
- The number of disciples Jesus chose
- A community where people live that is smaller than a town or city
- To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God

### DOWN

- Coins or bills used to buy things
- Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
- To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others
- Something that is bad or wrong; wicked
- A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked

MONEY	PREACH	BREAD	EVIL	TEACH
JOURNEY	TWELVE	VILLAGE	SANDALS	STAFF

## Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition. Answers can be found in Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)



Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two. Mark 6:7 (NIV)

- A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked  
A. fruit B. vegetables C. soup D. bread
- A trip over a great distance  
A. walk B. journey C. vacation D. visit
- To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others  
A. listen B. watch C. teach D. help
- A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing  
A. tree B. rope C. sandals D. staff
- Coins or bills used to buy things  
A. money B. bread C. staff D. preach
- A community where people live that is smaller than a town or city  
A. country B. province C. village D. state
- The number of disciples Jesus chose  
A. six B. twelve C. twenty D. eleven
- To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God  
A. journey B. heal C. repent D. preach
- Something that is bad or wrong; wicked  
A. sick B. evil C. money D. bread
- Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps  
A. sandals B. sneakers C. boots D. shoes

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AUTHORITY	TWELVE	TAKE	REPENT	SANDALS
SPIRITS	JESUS	TUNIC	MONEY	BAG
EVIL	VILLAGE	JOURNEY	BREAD	HEALED
TEACHING	STAFF	SENT	PREACH	NOTHING

